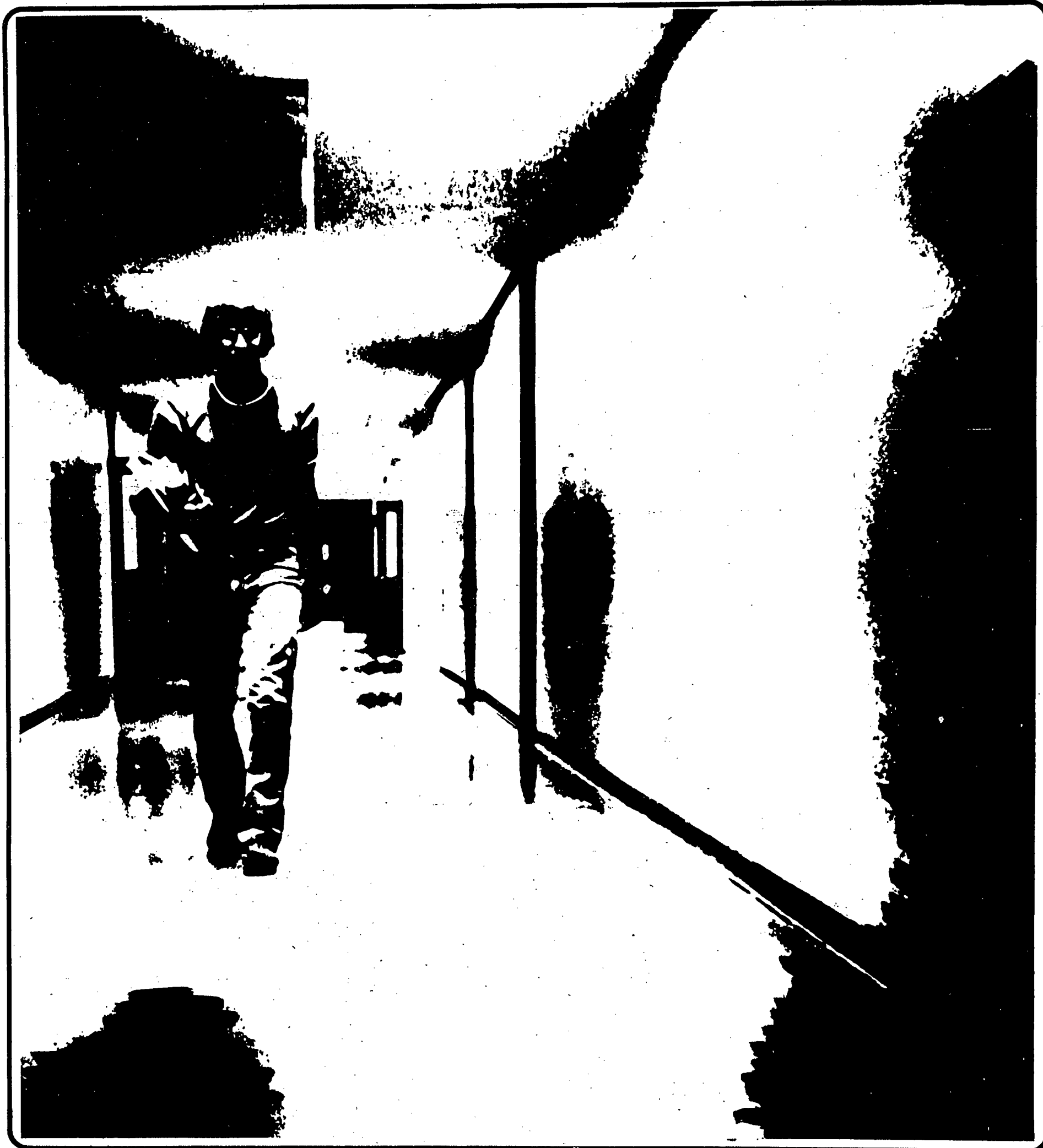


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A long, lonely walk

ON THE COVER

A walk through a lonely and deserted hall is an accurate example of depression, a feeling every college student has experienced at sometime.

Although the campus student may feel helpless during this period, there are several ways to overcome the college blues.

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TRYOUTS held this week

Tryouts for A Flea in Her Ear by George Geydeau, will be held on Sept. 21 and 22 from 4-7 p.m. in the Charles Johnson Theatre. There is the possibility that tryouts will also run between 7-10 p.m. on those nights. For further information, contact Dr. Charles Schultz at ext. 1171.

YOUNG DEMOCRATS sponsor debate

The NWMSU Young Democrats will sponsor an organized debate on the right-to-work issue on Sept. 27.

Dr. Berndt Angman, political science professor, and Robert E. Brown, business instructor, will participate in the debate which takes place in Colden Hall 228 beginning at 7:30 p.m. For further information, contact Dr. James Lowe at ext. 1292.

NEW policy for student payroll

The cashing department has announced that no student payroll check may be picked up without a student I.D. card or meal ticket. No other form of identification may be used even if the cashiers know who the student is.

Students who do not have an I.D. Card may pick one up in the Security office for \$2.

ORCHESIS elects officers

Orchesis, the campus dance club, held election of officers during its first meeting. Linda Hernandez, Orchesis scholarship recipient, was named president and Jan Crees was named vice president. Dennis Mitchell and Karmen Brannock share responsibilities as publicity co-chairs.

For further information on meeting dates, etc., contact Karmen in 516 Franken at ext. 1412.

MANAGER NEEDED for basketball

Anyone interested in becoming a manager for the basketball team should contact one of the coaches in 105 Lamkin Gym. If you are interested in playing basketball this year, you should also contact one of the coaches.

TENTH ANNUAL ski trip

Plans are now being made for the tenth annual NWMSU ski trip to Ramada Silverthorne, Copper Mountain, Keystone and Vail. Cost of the trip will be \$223.75 which includes ski lessons, ski rental, 6-day lift tickets, food, lodging and transportation. For further information on dates and payment, contact the Union Director's office.

SUNDBERG AWARDED psychologist license

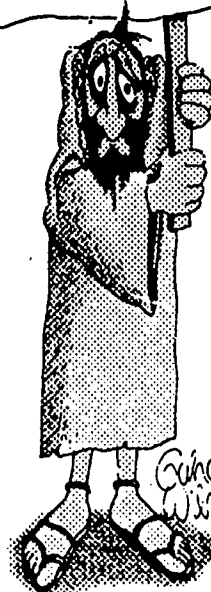
David Sundberg, Director of Counseling at NWMSU, is one of the first individuals awarded a license for the practice of psychology in Missouri. Use of the title "psychologist" is limited to those meeting standards established by the State Committee of Psychologists.

INSURANCE PLAN Deadline SET

The NWMSU Student Accident and Sickness Insurance Plan for 1978-79 must be taken out by 4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 22. If the plan is not taken out by then, students must wait until next fall.

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Parents to get view of campus life

It will not be surprising to see students frantically cleaning their rooms, making their beds and even doing their laundry in preparation for the University's first Parent's Day, Sept. 23.

"The main purpose of Parent's Day is to bring the parents into the broad educational enterprise. The more they know about our programs, the better the knowledge of working relationships," said Dr. Phil Hayes, dean of students.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. in the Lamkin Gymnasium. Student and faculty art will be on display in the Fine Arts Building and a short concert will be given by the Bearcat Marching Band.

At 9:45, Darrell Zellers, student body president, will emcee a convocation in Lamkin Gym, preceeding a 15-minute concert presented by the Tower Choir. Directly after the concert, University President Dr. B.D. Owens, Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Dr. George English, and Vice-President for Student Development, Dr. John Mees, will address the parents.

Open House will be held from 10:30 to noon at the various divisions of the University, where several exhibits and demonstrations will be available for parents to view.

From 11 to 12:30, parents are invited to the University's cafeterias for lunch with

Lori Watkins, senior, providing musical entertainment.

An organizational fair involving most of the student organizations will be held in the Union Building between 11 and 1 p.m.

Parent's Day will be highlighted by a non-conference football game between the Bearcats and Fort Hays State at 1:30 in Rickenbrode Stadium. During half-time,

parents will be asked to stand in recognition with their sons and daughters.

'Parents of the Day' will be selected by drawing and President Owens will recognize them and present them with a gift.

Open house at the residence halls will bring the day's events to a close.

Dr. Hayes estimates out of the 3600

parents invited, approximately 1400 will attend.

"You never know what kind of turnout to expect when you try something like this. But the reaction has been just super," said Hayes. "When we started planning this we were shooting for 600 parents at the most. Now it looks like we'll have close to 1400 visitors."

Parents' Day Schedule

9-9:45 a.m.	Registration and Coffee	Lamkin Gym
9:45-10:30 a.m.	Convocation	Lamkin Gym
10:30- 12 a.m.	Departmental Open Houses	
11- 12:30 p.m.	Lunch-Cafeteria Lines	J.W. Jones Union
11-1 p.m.	Cowchip Throwing Contest	Agricultural Horse Arena
11:30-1 p.m.	Organizational Fair	J.W. Jones Union
1:30-4 p.m.	Football Game	Rickenbrode Athletic Field
4:30-6 p.m.	Residence Hall Open Houses	

★ Annex cafeteria will be open for lunch Saturday Sept. 23 from 11:30-1 p.m.

Projects earn AKL fraternity new house

Thirst and fatigue were experienced by the men of Alpha Kappa Lambda as they initiated and followed through with their 'New House Project.'

The fraternity began working toward the purchase of the new house, located at W. 16th Street, in 1977 and succeeded in eight months.

"The purchase involved 42 individuals to raise the down payment of \$4,000," said Randy Neal, house fund treasurer.

"A paper route, campus service projects, concerts, commencement, light bulb sales and odd jobs around the

Maryville area were some work projects that drew participation from all the members," said Sam Wharton, AKL president.

Reaction to the move has been favorable from different facets of the University.

"The University recognizes the huge task that the AKL's have taken on and successfully completed," said Jim Wyant, director of financial aids and AKL sponsor.

Dr. Phil Hayes, dean of students, also voiced satisfaction over the move.

"By ownership of a new house the pride and flexibility of the membership will

improve," said Dr. Hayes. "The move will be especially helpful if it has unified the membership."

According to Wharton, the move has done just that.

"More pride and brotherhood have been shown by the members. It took hard work and sweat to complete our goal and now we have a selling point," said Wharton. "We have something to offer besides ourselves and that's our new house and property."

"People that weren't very involved in the fraternity have increased their participation greatly," said Wyant.

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Circle K means service

Beginning its second year as a campus organization, "Circle K means service and dedication to people that need our help like the elderly or mentally retarded," said Carol Negaard, club president. "Our goal is to try to make the world a better place."

The club, sponsored by Perry Echleberger, operations manager at KXCV, and Don Carlile, head of placement, works with the Maryville Kiwanis and is open to all students.

Circle K is the largest college service organization in the world," said Echleberger.

Some of the clubs standing projects include working with Van's House, a home for the mentally disabled, ushering at all campus plays, doing door to door campaigning for several organizations, and participating in the Crop Walk.

"Our biggest single project last year was a Halloween party for about 60 senior

citizens who wouldn't usually get out much," said Echleberger. "We also painted a house last year for a man unable to paint it himself."

For their efforts, the organization received an award for the most outstanding Circle K in the Missouri-Arkansas district. Echleberger was also awarded outstanding sponsor for the area.

"Part of that success is due to Maryville's Kiwanis club," said Echleberger.

Two Circle K district offices are held by NWMSU students. Lisa Wilson holds the lieutenant governor job and Laurie Anderson holds the secretary position.

The divisional rally will be held Sept. 23 at NWMSU. The club regularly meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month in the Sycamore room of the Union.

"I encourage anyone to come to the meetings," said Echleberger.

Meteorite on display

NWMSU is displaying a meteorite courtesy of W.F. Reed from the Geology Department at Lawrence University in Wisconsin.

The magnetic meteorite, found south of St. Joseph, has a rusty outer appearance, is composed of iron and nickel and weighs about three and a half pounds. A nick in the specimen indicates it has been hit by a farm implement while one end is cut smooth.

Thirteen other such specimens were found strewn over a six-mile long and one-mile wide area where the meteorite hit the earth.

"We think they represent planetary material that formed at the beginning of the solar system four and a half billion

years ago," said Dr. David Cargo, professor of earth science.

A study of the soil deposits around the rock determined that it has been on earth for approximately 10,000 to 20,000 years, which would have been the end of the ice age. Meteorites float around in space and often appear to be a fireball when the hit causing such damage as forming craters on the moon.

The meteorite will be on display until June in the museum of Garrett-Strong 128. Those interested may see it Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Mr. Reed, who donated the meteorite, is looking for more specimens. Anyone who finds such rocks is asked to bring them into Dr. Cargo's office for identification.



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Laura Beth Cunkel works to help restore a house as part of a Circle K project. Circle K is now in its second year as a charter club.

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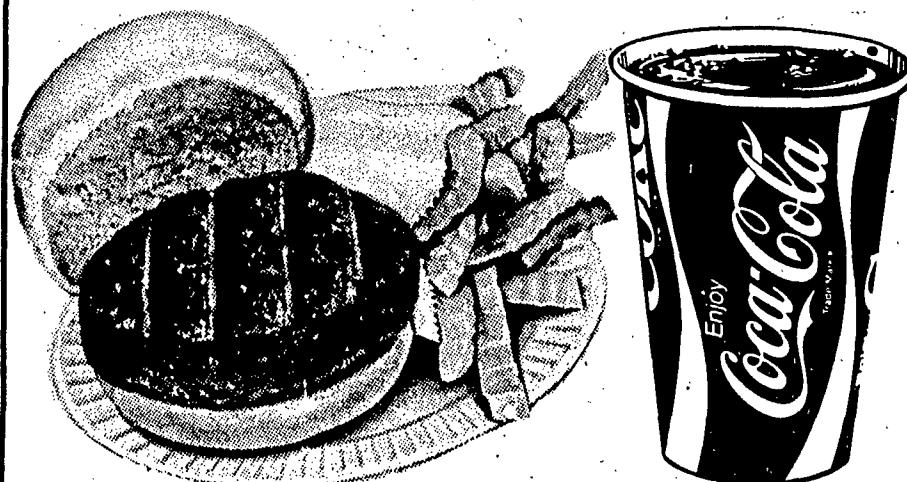
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Senate debates vacant off-campus position

by Ken Wilkie
Suzanne Cruzen

Off-campus students may see a decrease in their Student Senate representation this fall.

During the 1977-78 school year, five senators represented off-campus students. Presently there are three senators representing the approximate 1,116 off-campus students.

Although Senate began the year with four off-campus senators, Tom Perry resigned, leaving a vacancy in off-campus representation. There is a conflict in Senate about filling this vacancy.

Two opposing ideas on the issue left Senate unsure of which is constitutionally right. The final decision on this issue was tabled until the Sept. 26 Student Senate meeting.

Some senators interpreted the constitution to mean that off-campus representation is determined by the total number of off-campus students, while others believed the total number of hours these off-campus students are taking is what should determine the number of off-campus senators.

According to the Sept. 5 Student Senate minutes, it was announced applications for the position were available.

However, at the Sept. 12 Student Senate meeting, Zellers ruled only three senators were needed to represent the off-campus students according to the Student Senate Constitution.

Article IV, Sec. 2d of the constitution states Student Senate will be composed of "one representative for each 300 off-campus students..."

Therefore, it would require 84 more off-campus students for an additional senator according to Zellers.

Roger Corley, one of the Senate faculty advisers, agrees with this interpretation of the constitution.

Some senators questioned Zellers' ruling to cut the number of off-campus senators.

There may have been one factor



Pictured left to right are Laura Glesenhagen, Brooks Christensen and Christene Heck, the winners in Tuesday's freshmen election. Christensen will serve as class president while Glesenhagen and Heck will serve as representatives.

Zellers had failed to consider when making his decision.

"The decision that was made did not take into account part-time students or students that are taking more than a full load," said Mic Jones, a past member of Senate.

The bylaws in the constitution provide for the use of the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) formula in off-campus elections. In Article III, Section 3e, it states, "Each off-campus student may vote for as many candidates as there are offices open. He must vote for the appropriate number of Senators in the ratio determined by the FTE formula..."

The FTE, which is a formula used for appropriations from the state, says that a full-time student is one who is enrolled in 12 hours. To determine the FTE, the total number of credit hours is divided by 12.

"This is where we get fouled up because the FTE has never been used in the past for determining the ratio and we don't really know what it means," said Zellers. "It

could be interpreted to mean that voters with only a certain number of hours could vote for a certain number of candidates."

Shawn Francis, student affairs committee chairman, is investigating the FTE problem. At the Sept. 12 Student Senate meeting, he presented the 1,116 figure for determining the number of off-campus senators.

But Roger Scarbrough, off-campus senator disagrees with that figure.

Francis determined the off-campus number by subtracting the campus residents (according to the Housing Office) from the full-time enrollment figure (according to the Registrar's Office). However, according to Francis, this does not take into account students who are taking more than 12 hours and would be counted as more than one student by FTE standards.

In addition to the full-time students, Francis found from Acting Registrar Phil Hayes an FTE of 157 for part-time students.

But do all part-time students live off campus? Francis seems unsure.

According to Director of Housing Bruce Wake, a part-time student may live in the dorms if there is no waiting list. Thus, there may or may not be 157 additional students eligible for off-campus representation in Senate.

However, the Senate has been unable to determine the total FTE number for off-campus students.

According to University Treasurer Don Henry's office such information is used in their office in preparing the budget. Henry was not available for comment.

This FTE number hasn't been used by Senate in the past and probably wouldn't have been considered if Perry had not resigned.

"We would have stayed with four senators (if Perry hadn't left his position)," said Zellers. "At the time of their election (April, 1978), it was assumed there were enough off-campus students for four senators."

But Perry left his Senate spot, leaving Senate unprepared as how to handle the vacancy.

And that lack of preparation is part of the problem according to Jones.

"The leadership of Senate, until it has been forced to, has been unfamiliar with the document (the constitution)," he said. The constitution itself is "inadequate and leaks like a sieve," said Jones.

A number one priority for the Senate this year is the rewriting of the constitution, according to Zellers.

But in the meantime, Senate must rule by their present Constitution. Whether the Perry vacancy is filled depends on their final interpretation of the constitution.

Scarbrough believes filling the vacancy will not make that much difference for the off-campus student.

"It matters that there is one more voice expressing an opinion, one more vote," he said. "But I don't think that vote will make any difference in what Senate does."

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College blues

A natural but painful time

Loneliness, homesickness and helplessness are painful. These feelings of depression are experienced by college students across the country.

On a national level, 78 percent of the 7.5 million college students will experience varied feelings of depression. *Psychology Today*, Sept., 1978.

NWMSU is no exception.

Lack of information about themselves or their environment will cause several local students to suffer from depression this year, according to David C. Sundberg, director of the Counseling Center in Hake Hall.

"Depression branches off into the main categories: loneliness, homesickness and a feeling of being overwhelmed," said Sundberg.

Loneliness, caused by being on a new campus without the familiar faces of home, is experienced by many campus students.

"I feel lonely at times because there are people all around me, but I don't really know that many," commented Bev Wimer, an NWMSU freshman.

Sundberg added, "To deal with loneliness, we must examine our skills. For example, a very shy student has to develop the type of skills to help him make new friends. Groups are available that the student can join, such as those in the school and churches Information about these organizations can be obtained by contacting Irene Huk, director of student activities, or by asking the R.A.'s in the dorms."

Junior transfer student Nancy Lord said, "At first I thought it was hard to get involved here. Now when I get depressed, I go home since I only live about an hour's drive away."

Freshman Vicki Cone agreed with Lord about involvement, but said that through getting involved she has overcome her depression.

"I've never been really depressed. I helped when I became involved in several of the campus activities and organizations," Cones said.

"When the usual anchors aren't around us, such as our room or our favorite meeting place, we feel isolated or homesick," he said. "This should be dealt with in a similar way--meet people."

Another way for a student to cope with this situation is to bring some of his favorite things from home, whether it be a special book, picture or a radio.

Sundberg also advises homesick students to write or visit their hometowns occasionally.

"However, remaining on campus is part of the process in developing skills. Staying on campus and joining in with the rest of us at the University makes it a good experience for us," he said.

Feeling overwhelmed is another common feeling of depression. Students at times feel there is too much work to be done and not enough time. The student may feel confused about what is expected of him, and may feel he doesn't fit in.

"They should seek out their faculty adviser and try to organize their week. They must realize how much work they must do, their resources and ways of getting it done," said Sundberg.

Another reason for depression was voiced by senior Sherry Hull. "I feel like I'm going nowhere--I'm living off my parents. I want to be independent and I'm not."

Another student said, "When I get depressed, I run and have a fit; then I'm ready to work hard again. It's usually because I don't feel like I'm getting anywhere in school."

Many students on campus have been so deeply depressed that they have sought treatment by a physician.

Dr. Desmond Dizney, a member of the staff of the Health Center, said she has treated several students who were "on the borderline" of making themselves physically ill due to their depression.

"College is quite an adjustment. They need to cope with it, and depression can easily be a part of that," Dizney said.

Several signs of depression are insomnia, loss of appetite or loss of weight.

Medication is used in many cases to treat the more severely depressed students so they may function normally on campus.

"The University is a preparation for adulthood, and is more stressful," said Dizney. "The economic situation--trying to find a job--are all very stressful."

She sights the change of attitudes in society as a reason for an increase in depression among college students.

"There is also an adjustment to the attitude towards sex on campus, with contraceptives so easily obtained. All of these are very stressful."

"One person may come through these situations, but the next one may not. Slipping into depression becomes easy."

When a student remains depressed for several days, he faces the possibility of becoming suicidal.

According to statistics, a college campus the size of NWMSU should have approximately 2.5 suicides per year. However, Richard Long, a member of the Counseling Center staff, reported there have been none on campus since 1974.

"The reasons for the attempted suicides are as individual as the person involved," he said. "A moment of frustration and anger during college may lead to a suicidal gesture, which is a half-hearted attempt to take his life."

"The thought of suicide is not all that unusual. We all have had that thought. We are all problem-solving individuals--to end your life would certainly solve your problem, so the option is normal. But a person needs to think of other options if he begins entertaining the thought seriously," Long said.

Those considering suicide are usually attempting to gain attention and help.

"The ambivalent person isn't really sure. He makes the suicidal gesture and hopes that someone will find him. It's a cry for help--a way to reach out Only a small minority of students won't tell anyone and will just do it," said Long.

If a student should notice a friend withdrawing or if he should talk of ending his life, the student must realize the seriousness of the situation.

"Don't try to cheer the person up," Sundberg said. "Take the time to really listen. Show you care."

The Counseling Center offers many helpful services to depressed or suicidal students.

"We examine the situation and the perceived causes of the depression. Then we help the individual, as well as ourselves, understand why he feels this way," said Sundberg. "We try to explore and understand the problem, then we seek resolutions and possible solutions for these problems."

"Depression is a normal feeling--one of the states of being. We must learn to recognize what we're feeling and cope with it," he said.



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The new fall season Sparkling mediocrity?

by R.K. Pore

Well, what do you have in mind?

Maybe a show about a man whose idea of getting angry is turning into a green beast.

Or maybe a show about a visitor from outer space who turns out to be a missing link to the Three Stooges.

And if those don't satisfy your palate for the unique and the sundry, how about a show about a group of space wayfarers which proves the timeless maxim, that dog is man's best friend (even if the dog is mechanical).

Yes, the new fall television season is here again with all the video fanfare and hoopla of season premieres and sneak previews. Of the 22 new shows that made their way to the small screen last fall only seven survive to struggle through another season.

This fall 21 new shows will appear for the viewer's cultured taste and only ratings know how many will endure.

This season the programming will be a little less promiscuous, lacking in physical violence (which means more cars exploding in flames as they go over steep inclines) and minus the visual tease. All in all, the

new season promises to be an interesting treat.

The new fall television season will take the viewer to many exotic locales from the depths of outer space to Cincinnati; feature new exciting stars such as Joe Namath and Phyllis George; have two new variety shows starring Mary Tyler Moore and Dick Clark (who promises the unexpected, the unpredictable and the unusual such as a man who jumps off a building into a wet rag); such old staples as lawyers shows, private eye adventures and a medical show (that has no actors and scripts); and two science fiction entries ("Mork and Mindy"?).

And if the new shows don't appeal to your taste of the sophisticated there are always the old stand-bys like "Happy Days", "The Love Boat", and "Wonder Woman".

But if you're indifferent to the three major networks acute sense of programming, there's an alternative--"Tic Tac Dough", "Love Experts", and reruns of "Gilligan's Island".

Anyway, there's always public television, or maybe channel 10, or perhaps a book?

Campus ALMANAC

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"Campus Almanac" is a potpourri of useful and interesting information to make things a little bit simpler and cheaper.

A blooming dilemma

Some of us try to make our cramped confines (usually referred to as dorm rooms, etc.) as attractive and liveable as possible. One of the ways of brightening up an otherwise dreadful space is with plants.

More house plants are usually killed or injured by improper watering. Water your house plants only when needed and don't allow them to wilt or stand in water for long periods of time.

Moisture content of the soil is gauged by color and feel. Soil surface becomes lighter when it dries and severe drying will damage the roots, while soil that is kept too moist becomes sticky and slimy, inviting root rot and other disease problems.

When watering your plant from the top, keep as much water off the foliage as possible. Water the entire soil mass until it comes through the drainage hole in the bottom of the pot and discard water that remains beneath the pot one hour after watering.

To pop or not to pop

A favorite study-time snack is popcorn. What causes those little yellow kernels to explode is a minute amount of water that, when heated, turns to steam, thus splitting their kernel open.

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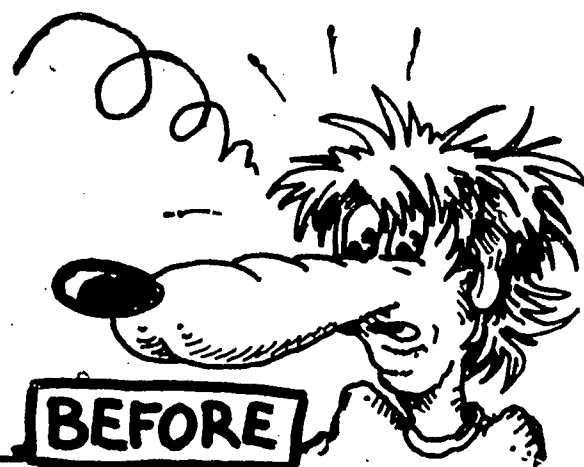
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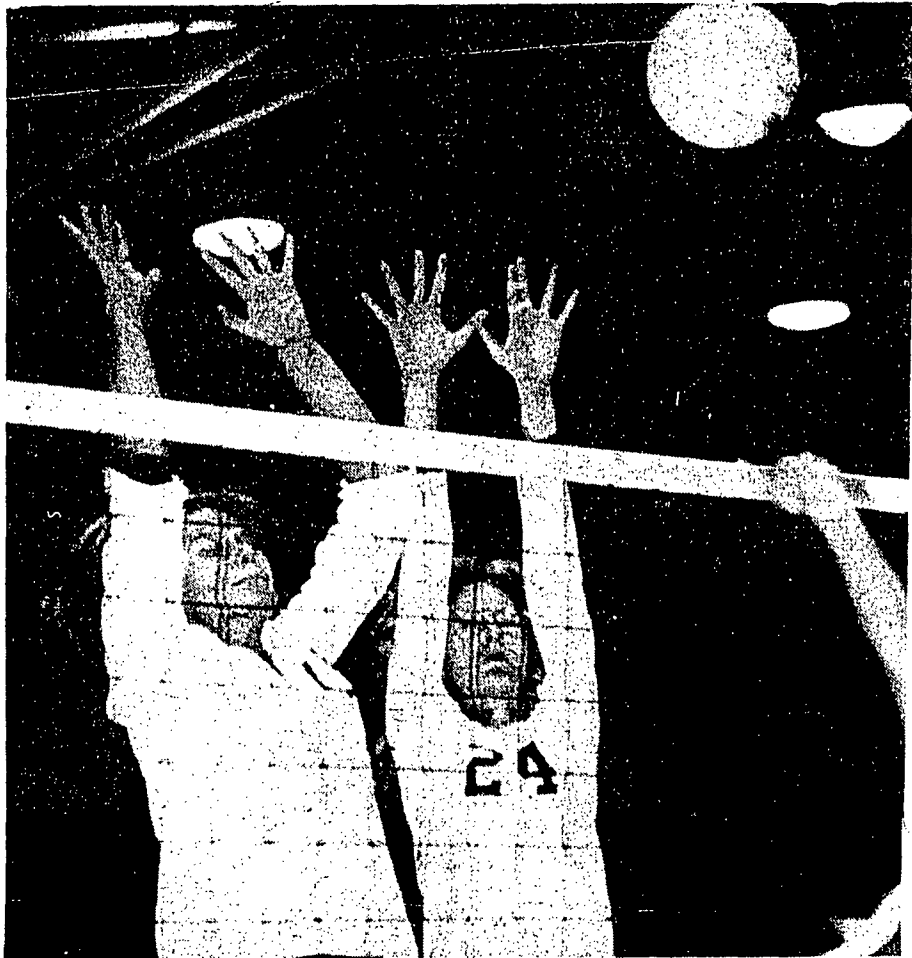


Photo by Frank Finley

Two Bearkittens go up to block a spike. Fighting 98-degree heat the Bearkittens opened their season Saturday with one victory and two defeats. The 'Kittens defeated Rockhurst 15-8, 13-15, 15-10. Their two losses came at the hands of Benedictine [15-11, 7-15, 13-15] and Graceland [7-15, 7-15.] Friday and Saturday the 'Kittens' will travel to Manhattan, KS. to compete in the Kansas State Tournament. This is just the first of the matches in which the 'Kittens' will play large school opponents.

'Cats take first in Lincoln

Bearcat cross country team is two for two as they head into a dual meet this Friday with Northeast Missouri State University.

After defeating William Jewell in their season opener, the 'Cats traveled to Lincoln, NB. to compete in the Nebraska Wesleyan Invitational. The 'Cats finished first in the seven-team meet edging host Wesleyan 31-41. Kearney State, finished third with 66 points.

For the second meet in a row, Vernon Darling placed first. Darling completed the four-mile run in 20:03.

Darling was not alone though as Dave Montgomery finished fourth with Steve Klatt placing seventh. Other top finishers for the 'Cats were David Sleep coming

home with a ninth-place finish and Ken Giessler who placed tenth. Steve Sprague was just behind Giessler with an eleventh place finish.

Despite their first-place showing, Coach Richard Alsop still sees room for improvement.

"Of the seven teams at the meet, only Wesleyan and Kearney State could be considered good competition. We're going to have to improve before we start our conference schedule," Alsop said.

Friday the 'Cats will host Northeast at Nodaway Lake. Alsop terms this as a tough meet.

"Northeast has a good squad and they will be tough," he said.

Freshmen lead 'Kittens in opener

An all freshmen varsity squad hopefully will not turn the Bearkitten runners into "kittens" in the lion's race of women's cross country.

The 1978 Bearkitten roster consists of six freshman, most of whom arrived at NWMSU after being recruited by coach Laurie Meyers.

Coach Meyers, in her second year here, has set some high goals.

"We have lots of potential and should be able to place first or second in state competition this year," she added.

"Our runners are near equal in their ability and this will enable them to pack together during races, increasing our scoring potential."

Toni Mohr, a freshman from Manilla, Iowa, is expected to pace the Kitten runners and perhaps better last year's

sixth place MAIAW finish.

This week, the Bearkittens are hosts to the Bearkitten Invitational. It is the opening meet of the '78 season. Competition includes: William Woods College, Drake University, University of Nebraska-Omaha, School of the Ozarks and Park College. Iowa was the champion last year.

"Since our runners lack college experience, we want to keep the biggies off our schedule if possible," said Coach Meyers.

"We want success in order to build confidence, which is why the line-up for the upcoming invitational includes smaller schools."

Starting time for the invitational will be 4 p.m. Sept. 22 at the Nodaway Lake course.

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Baker bounces back from injury

by Cheryl Krell

Last year during a match she fell to the floor and "sprained" her arm yet she completed the match and went on to play another one.

X-rays later showed a broken arm instead of a sprain and she was out for the rest of the season.

But this year senior Brenda Baker, returning letterwoman for the Bearkittens' volleyball team, is back.

"I feel good about this year," she said. "I've been working really hard and my arm has not given me any trouble."

As a member of NWMSU's first volleyball team, Baker's only other volleyball experience was as a freshman in high school but she remembers her first game well.

"I remember that nobody spiked the ball at all and when I tried two sets on my own I got called for illegal hits every time," recalled Baker.

"I feel I'm competitive in that if we're behind 10-1 I don't want to give up. I want to keep going--to get another point and then another point--I want to win," she said. "But on the other hand I'm not aggressive. There'll be times when I'll let someone else take the set because I'm not confident enough."

Sighting her consistency in her spikes and hits as being her strongest point, Baker believes she needs to improve upon her mobility.

"I need to move around the court more instead of diving for the ball," she said.

While most athletes concentrate on psyching themselves up for a game, Baker seems to have a different method. Instead of concentrating on the game, she does just the opposite.

"I try to keep occupied all during the day before a game. That way I don't have time to think about it and don't run the chance of psyching myself out rather than up."

As in any sport, Baker believes desire and discipline are required to play volleyball, but another essential quality she believes is often overlooked is intelligence.

"I believe more intelligence is involved than we are given credit for," she said.

"That's why I hate the term 'dumb jock' -- it's just a stereotype and not true."

Majoring in physical education, Baker hopes to eventually become a teacher and coach at a university.

"I think the reason that I want to coach volleyball in a university is because there are more skills there. I don't think that I could coach anywhere else because I have become somewhat of a perfectionist."

While sitting on the bench last year because of her arm, Baker had much time to observe and to try and become that "perfectionist."

"Sitting on the bench and just watching was so hard for me," she explained. "But it gave me time to analyze the playing of the team and observe things that might help me. I have to give credit to Coach Stanek, too. She always tried to make sure I was involved."

As the only returning senior letterwoman, Baker believes that the 'Kittens will do well this year.

"We have good all-around players this year," she said. "There are more than six players so we will be able to substitute. Before, when we would have to sub we would feel 'held down' by it. The only thing the team lacks is the experience of playing together, but that won't take long to adjust to."



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Anticipating the ball Brenda Baker gets ready to set it for a teammate. Baker, the only senior letter winner on the Bearkitten team, has come back from a broken wrist suffered during a game last year.

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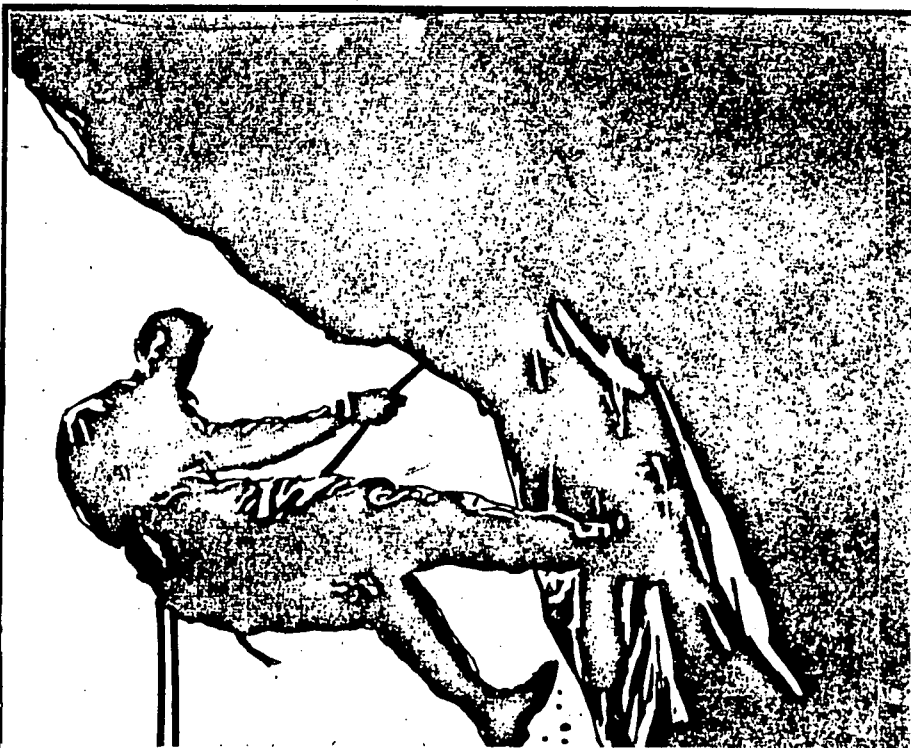
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Mori Flanagan practices before a Bearcat home game. Flanagan, daughter of athletic director Richard Flanagan, traveled the country this summer instructing fellow cheerleaders.

Photo by Jodee Meinert

Kicking up her heels

by Carole Patterson

Someday Mori Flanagan won't be a cheerleader.

But that day may be far in the future according to Flanagan's own forecast. A NCA (National Cheerleader's Association) staff member and NWMSU junior varsity cheerleader, Flanagan predicted, "I hope to be a cheerleader throughout all my college years and after that I'd like to be a cheerleader sponsor."

After attending NCA camps at NWMSU (where her father is Athletic Director Coach Richard Flanagan) as a Maryville High School student, Flanagan became interested in the organization. During camp her senior year the head staff instructor indicated she had potential, so Flanagan applied for a staff position and was the "one out of about 5,000" accepted for the job.

Flanagan spent last summer traveling through the United States "by car, plane or bus depending on the size of the camp" instructing junior high, high school and college cheerleaders on the very things the camp had been teaching her for years.

"We teach cheers, double stunts (cheers involving two people such as shoulder sits), pyramids, jumps, gymnastics, public

relations, crowd control and how to get along with a squad," said Flanagan.

Most NCA camps are held in major universities or camp sites. An average of six instructors direct groups of 100-200 cheerleaders; 20-30 handle up to 1550.

Sessions are held 8:30 a.m. to noon, 1-1:30 p.m. and 7-9:30 p.m., making for a long day. But because "each week you're with different types of girls and different staff members," Flanagan doesn't find the job monotonous.

Her attraction to cheerleading began early. "I started out with dancing, then started going more toward athletics like track and cheerleading," she said. "I have two brothers who are real athletic, so I had to be athletic to survive."

The NCA job offers what Flanagan considers attractive opportunities. "It enables me to travel and meet people who become special to me. The pay is good, we get lots of publicity and I enjoy doing it," she said.

"I really like to cheer," she continued. "It's a real physical sport. I know how much I liked cheerleading clinic and I wanted to help other high school girls have as much fun at cheerleading camp as I did."

ON THE SIDELINES

by Dave Gieseke

Contrary to popular belief there is a winning team on campus.

The Bearcat cross country team has won both meets this year and could be the mainstay of the athletic program this fall.

The resurgence of the cross country program can be identified by two factors; recruiting and the return of Vernon Darling.

After being red-shirted last season because of a leg injury, Darling has come back to place first in both meets this year. With Darling back in his leadership role, the 'Cats could go a long way in the conference meet this year.

The other factor is recruiting. Coach Richard Alsup has brought in a fine crop of freshmen. In last Saturday's meet four of these freshmen ran varsity and two of them, Steve Klatte and Ken Giessler, scored for the 'Cats.

Add to this list Dave Montgomery and David Sleep and you have a formidable team. Just as soon as senior Bob Kelchner recovers from a stone-bruised foot that kept him out of the Nebraska Wesleyan Invitational, Alsup could have a serious conference contender. The last time the 'Cats won the conference title was back in 1972.

But the meet that will tell the story on the 'Cats will be Oct. 7 at the Missouri Intercollegiate in Columbia. Most of the top schools in the MIAA conference will be there and if the 'Cats can place high then a conference title is not beyond their reach.

'Cats drop third straight

Trying to break the longest losing streak in Coach Jim Redd's three reign, the football Bearcats will tangle with Fort Hayes State this Saturday.

Eighteen starters return this year for the Tigers in hopes of a winning season. Their record stands at 0-3. Top players for the Tigers are running back Tom Doll and fullback Tom Harmon. According to Redd, Fort Hayes will throw several different variations during the game.

"Defensively they will go with a lot of different looks," he said.

"I look for a very physical game," he continued, "It will be a battle between two hungry teams,"

The 'Cats will seek revenge as the Tigers defeated them last year by a score of 42-28.

"Last year we played a terrible first half but we came back and were down by only a touchdown twice in the game. This game really means a lot the players and the coaching staff," Redd said.

Going into the Fort Hayes game the 'Cats will be without the services of senior tackle Steve Anderson. Anderson will be lost for the season following knee surgery. Other doubts for the game Saturday are defensive tackle Kip Springer and quarterback Kirk Mathews. Despite a sprained neck injury 'Cat Back Wayne Allen is expected to see action.

Last Saturday the 'Cats lost their third straight 52-0 at the hands of the Nebraska-Omaha Mavericks.

"52-0 is deceiving. We played a lot better than the scoreboard indicated," Redd said.

Offensively the 'Cats had few bright spots. On their first possession they marched to the Mavs five-yard line before they encountered a five-yard penalty. With a third and ten situation, Mathews threw an interception in the end zone and that was as close as the 'Cats got all night long.

Defensively, the Bearcats held the Mavs scoreless until Scatback Bobby Bass returned a punt 74 yards for a touchdown. The Mavs went on to score 28 more points before the half ended. They added 17 more points in the final period to round out the scoring.

Regardless of the loss, there were some bright points during the game said Redd.

"Offensively I was encouraged by the blocking of Jay Nower, Tony Jennings and Mike Olerich. Defensively we had good games from Rick Tate, Ted Goudge, Lance Corbin and Gene Gladstone," he said.

Even though their record is 0-3, Redd is still optimistic about the season.

"It would be easy to throw in the towel and despair but the coaches and the players haven't and won't," he said.

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Dear Mom,

Glad you're coming down this Saturday. Bring me a lamp, my old shelves, my letter jacket, a popcorn popper; and gosh does that T.V. in the basement still work? I sure do miss "Charlie's Angels".

If Dad's needing oil tell him to wait til he gets here. Greenfield's have good prices on just about any brand you need.

There was another party raised last week. My roommate has a new addition to his collection. On the wall is hanging a pair of panties, they say "with love, Cindy".

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Making its decision--for the third time

So far this year, the Student Senate seems to be having a hard time making up its mind.

Next week's meeting will mark the third decision concerning the off-campus vacancy left by Tom Perry. After three weeks of deliberating the issue, the Senate still does not know what is going on.

The first decision came when the announcement of Perry's resignation was made at the Sept. 5 Senate meeting. According to the minutes for that meeting, "applications for off-campus will be available."

A contrary ruling came from Senate President Darrell Zellers at the following Senate meeting when he interpreted the constitution to mean that the 1,116 off-campus students should be represented by only three senators.

But some of the senators objected to this ruling. When FTE was brought into the picture, it was decided to table the issue until further research was done.

This week's meeting has come and gone and still Senate waivers on making their final decision.

"I realize we are procrastinating a little bit, but I think we should do it as

right as we can," said Zellers at the Sept. 19 meeting.

To be as right as they can, Senate may have to know more about their constitution than they do now. Perhaps their lack of knowledge is a carry-over from previous years when the FTE formula provided for the constitution bylaws was ignored. (At least, Zellers believes it was never used.)

But if it is here they should use it--at least for this time.

Next year maybe this won't happen. Senate seems to be taking steps to prevent future confusion by rewriting the constitution.

They should be commended for this undertaking, a task which should have been done long before now. The Faculty-Senate reviews their constitution every five years according to Roger Corley, faculty senate adviser, and this might be something the Student Senate should consider doing.

During this rewriting is time for the off-campus students to voice their opinion on how they want to be represented in Senate.

But in the meantime, Senate faces the task of interpreting their present constitution. It is our hope that sound decisions will finally be made.

LETTERS FROM READERS

BOOKSTORE PRICES

Dear Editor:

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After a recent trip to the Bookstore to buy two supplementary paperback texts, we were amazed at the exorbitant prices. One text, **American Institutions, Political Opinion and Public Policy**, a short text which we will only use once, cost an outrageous \$8.95.

We realize that the Bookstore needs to make a profit but not at the expense of college students who pay dearly to be here anyway. The new service and Student Senate need to re-evaluate the pricing policies at the Bookstore.

Sincerely,
Beth Ceperley
Bob Farris

CAMPUS SECURITY

Dear Editor:

I am writing in regard to an incident that happened to me yesterday involving the Security on campus. I am writing this in hope that relations between Security and the student can improve instead of deteriorating. I don't understand why there is such animosity between the two and why each are out to "GET 'EM!" Both attitudes stink.

More and more students are leaving the University, many of my friends have actually said one of the reasons they had to leave was the way in which security is operated. Who's in charge of security anyway? Do you want students here or not?

Students are wrong much of the time--knowing clearly that there are areas in which they cannot park. They should be given tickets-- However!-- there are times when a student forgets, or has a special reason, or maybe not even know that he is in the wrong.

As I was in the process of withdrawing from the University yesterday I parked in the visitors parking lot. I considered myself a visitor. I came out to find my car was in "boots". In other words, my wheels had been locked. I was told on the "Do Not Attempt To Drive This Car!" ticket it was because of unpaid fines. I was told at General Registration when purchasing my parking sticker that I owed \$4 fine from last April. When I went to the Security office I was told that there was a mistake they hadn't seen. Yes, I had paid the fines but there was another \$4 fine from last April of which I still owed.

I realize the mistake and it doesn't matter. What does matter is that the fine of \$4, of which I would have gladly paid had I only known it existed, is not an important enough amount of money to have to resort in putting "boots" on my car. It seems more of a vindictive measure rather than a corrective one. I do not understand the hostility, I just want it to stop.

Both student and security are wrong, both need to work together to improve the situation. I hope this letter will reach people who care enough on both sides to do something now!

Linda Orr
Ex-NWMSU Student

SPORTS COVERAGE

Dear Editor,

I was thoroughly disgusted with the sports coverage in last week's **Northwest Missourian**. Every sports article was negative. **On The Sidelines** by Dave Gieseke seemed to cut down the whole football team, and especially Coach Redd. It is always easy to criticize when you are sitting in the stands, but it is quite a bit different when you are down on the field. Although the team is off to an 0-3 start, the football schedule is the toughest that Northwest Missouri State has had in quite some time. If we were continuing to play Wayne State, William Jewell or Chadron State, we probably would be 3-0. However, the goal of non-conference play is to prepare for the conference race.

Whenever a team gets off to a poor start, the last thing they need is criticism. Although it may be a long season for the Bearcats, there is no reason to stop supporting the team. I hope the fans will support the Bearcats better than the **Northwest Missourian** has.

One last note. Dave Gieseke should try out for the football team. He surely should be better at football than he is at being a sports editor.

Sincerely,
A Bearcat Fan

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